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Received Letters. With Enclosures Madura Collectors' Office.

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[illegible]	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
[illegible]		Secy. to the Board of Revenue	Prohibiting the taking of Muchilikas to keep up the Cultivation &c and relieving Mirrasidars or Ryots from responsibility for the estimated amount of the Govt. share of the Crops in amani villages
20		Do Do	Transmitting extract of a letter from the Secy. to Govt. Revenue Dept. prohibiting the taking of muchilikas to keep up the cultivation
31		Do Do	Forwarding copy of a letter from the Secy. to Govt. and desiring to submit through the Board a revised list in detail of the whole monthly establishment as modified according to the Board's ...

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
31/1	"	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Transmitting copy of extract from the Board's Order on the [illegible] ment of his District for fusli 122[illegible]
22/6	"	Do Do	Acknowledging the receipt of his letter notifying the despatch of 2150 Tulams of Cardamoms consigned to the warehouse keeper and requesting to submit a statement of the expense incurred in procuring and forwarding the present quantity of Cardamoms.
7/8	"	Do Do	Directing to discontinue the collection of the Motarpha [illegible] Zemindars and requesting to submit 2 Statements.

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			Motarpha to be received in the Several Zemindaries in his District [This paper is not in the file].
2/11	"	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Transmitting Extract from the Board's Procs on the Settlement of the District for Fusli 1229.
4/12	"	Do Do	Enclosing a petition presented by Mahomed Madar on behalf of the Son of the late Abdul Cawder to enquire into the circumstances of the Son and if entitled to continue his father's pension to him

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[illegible] April Enclosing Petition with the Endorsement of the Board 22

24th Do. Reducing the Monopoly price of Salt .... [illegible]

[illegible] May Transmitting rules with respect to [illegible] to or Alterations of the Regulations which the Collector may hereafter see fit to propose .... [illegible]

[illegible] Do. Orders of Government to defend a Suit [illegible] against the Collector and the [illegible] Toddycombes by harrain [illegible] their private Cash .... [illegible]

15th Do. Calling for report on Petition of [illegible] Naick against the Zemindar of [illegible] — [illegible]

5th June Calling for the result of their [illegible] 31st May 1819 on the Salt [illegible] — [illegible]

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To The Collector in

Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit, for your information and guidance, the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department under date the 4th Instant, prohibiting the taking of Muchelkas to keep up the cultivation, and enforcing the responsibility of the [illegible] & Ryots for the estimated amount of the Govt.

Government share of the Crops in Aumanie villages, and the early distribution of the Inhabitants share of the produce —

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt
H. Chamier
Dy Secretary

Fort St. George
20th December 1819
Despd. 5 January 1820 ~~Do Do~~

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Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department dated 4th December 1819.

5 "I am directed to explain the sentiments of the Governor in Council on the question discussed in the letters from the Collector and in your proceedings relative to the responsibility of the Merassidars or Ryots for the estimated amount of the Government share of the crops in Amany Villages. If before the crops are cut or at that time the merassidars agree to take the Sircar share off the hands of Government for a stipulated money price, this would be a voluntary contract

and

and there would be an end of the question. It is

not the Sirkar share any longer but belongs

to the Merassidars and they are responsible for

it in the same sense in which they are

responsible for the rest of their property, that

it will be lost to them if they do not take

care of it. In this case it does not signify

whether the amount of the sirkar share

was ascertained by estimate or by measure

ment and whether it turns out greater or

[illegible] than was expected. The bargain will

hold good and the stipulated price will

[illegible] due. The Merassidars will gain the

advantage of excess and must bear the

[illegible] there be a deficiency —

[illegible] from the Collectors m[illegible]

of stating and arguing the case, it would

appea[illegible]

appear that he is desirous of Compelling the merassidars to be answerable for the esti-mated amount of the gross produce whereas by established Customs and Regulation XXX A D 1802 they are only answerable for the due payment of the Government share of the produce. The estimate of the gross produce is made by officers in the pay of Government while the actual quantity is ascertained only when it suits the Collector to divide the produce between the Merassidars and the sirkar in order to sell the Government share. The Collector wishes to maintain that it would be just to make the merassidars pay for the estimated quantity though it should fall considerably short of the actual

quantity

quantity on the presumption that the diffe-
rence must have arisen from theft and
might have been prevented by the
merassidars —

7. The Governor in Council is
of opinion that it would be manifestly
unjust to hold the merassidars responsible
for the errors of ignorant, or frauds of
dishonest estimate makers. No practice of
a native Government so repugnant to
the first principle of justice can be main-
-tained to be "mamool" or practice fit to
be followed by the British Government —

To estimate the produce
of the Crops on the ground would appear
to be a practice founded on the desire
to obtain data either to form an estimate

of the amount of the revenue or to make a contract for the payment in money of a revenue actually due in kind. An estimate of the gross produce before the harvest is gathered is of no other use and is improperly substituted under any view for the true measure of security to Government and justice to the Merassidars, that the crop should be thrashed, measured and divided as soon as practicable after it has been gathered. When this is done the Merassidars Curnum and village watchers will have a defined quantity to be answerable for, not an amount entered in an estimate liable to be disputed. The Governor in Council therefore fully approves of your instructions to the Collector that the

Cultivators

Cultivators should not be required to be answerable for the estimate and that their share of the produce should be delivered to them in all cases when the produce is divided as soon as possible after the Crop is cut, and desires that an Extract of this letter may be sent circular to all Collectors for their information and guidance in order that an improper detention in heaps of the Cultivators share may be avoided." —

(True Extract)

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Junr Depy Secy

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To the Collector in Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

With reference to the circular letter addressed to you under date the 20th Ultimo, I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying further Extract from the letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department under date the 4th Ultimo prohibiting the taking of Moochelkas to keep up the Cultivation

cultivation) which it appears was by some mistake omitted to be sent to you, with the Circular above referred to —

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

H. C. Mames

Dep'y Secretary

Fort St. George

20th January 1820

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Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department under date the 4th December 1819.

Para 4th "The Governor in Council highly approves of your orders to the Collector to take no more Moochilkhas from the Ryots in Aumany Villages for keeping up the cultivation. The cultivation must be kept up by making it the interest of the Ryots to cultivate. All other means are tyrannical and must ultimately prove unavailing." —

(A True Extract)

[illegible]
Deputy Secretary

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to my letters under date the 20th May and 29th November last, respecting the Reduction of your establish=ment, I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying copy of a letter

Mr Secy Hill [illegible] 1819 from Mr Secretary Hill and of its enclosure.

2 Independently of the establish=ment required in my letter of the 29th November para 2d, the Board desire that

you

you will forward, through them, for the use of the Civil Auditor, a revised list in detail of your whole fixed monthly establishment, as modified according to the Board's late Rules - compared with the expense thereof for the Month of April 1819 -

3 In calling for this document, which the Board will expect to receive on or before the 31st March next, I am directed in a special manner, to request your attention to the increase which of late years has taken place in nearly every district, and to desire that you will take this occasion to make every further practicable reduction in the number and pay of your establishment

-ment that you may deem consistent with its efficiency.—

4 The orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors are so urgent on this head, that a Special Revision of your establish-ment by the Board with reference to the union of the revenue and Police establishments has become an indispensable duty,- and it will save them much labour, and yourself perhaps much future inconvenience, if you will take this Revision into your own hands- The Board do not wish to reduce the pay of Tahsildars other highly responsible Talook servants below a liberal allowance, but you will endeavour to consolidate your talook establishment as much as practi-cable- to discharge every servant not absolutely requisite and not usefully employed- and to fix the

the pay with reference to the duties and responsibi-
-lity of the Office rather than to the claims of the individual who may chance to fill it.—

5 To enable you to comply with these instructions, the Board grant you authority to re-model your establishment - provided always, the rules lately laid down by the Board are strictly attended to, except where special exceptions may already have been made, and the Board trust that the result will be a considerable reduction in the annual expense to Government.—

Fort St. George

21st January 1820.

Desp. [illegible]

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. D. Campbell

Secretary

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To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am directed to transmit to you the annexed copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor and to desire that unless the measure should appear to you to be unnecessary you will call upon the several Collectors to submit through you as proposed by the Civil Auditor a revised List of their establishments for the sanction on their present footing.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) D. Hill
Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
December 1819

To the Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir

Para 1 In consequence of the rules adopted by the Board of Revenue on the 20th of May last relative to the rates of pay to native revenue servants receiving 35 rupees and upwards being considered an insufficient check on the general expenditure of the revenue establish-ments I am induced to beg that you will have the goodness to obtain the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Board of Revenue may be directed to call upon each Collector to transmit thro' them for special

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sanction a revised List of the whole of his present fixed Monthly establishment prepared with reference to the rules above mentioned and compared with the expense of his establishment for the Month of April 1819 —

2.° I would also beg leave to suggest that the Sudder Court may be directed on the same principle in regard to Native establishments of the Judicial Courts, that the whole of the revised lists in the two Departments after receiving the special sanction of Government may be forwarded to this office for

to

its future guidance—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) G. Moore

Civil Auditor

Fort St. George
Civil Audr's Office
23d November 1819—

(A true Copy)

(Signed) D. Hill

Secy to Govt.

(True Copies)

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Junior Depy Secretary

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit, for your information and guidance, the accompanying copy of an extract from their Proceedings under date the 24th Instant on the Settlement of your District for fusly 1228.

Fort St. George
31st January 1820

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. Mark
Acting Secretary

Despd 10th February

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 24th January 1820.

Read again the following letter from the Collector in Madura and Dindigul, reporting on the settlement of his District for fusly 1228

From Mr Peter 22d Dec 1819 In Cons 3 Jany 182[illegible]

Para 1. It appears that the Talooks composing the Provinces of Madura and Dindigul have been allotted by the Collector into separate Tahsildaries and distributed in his accounts according to the former orders of the Board, and the following abstract

To Mr Peter
9 [illegible] 1817
[illegible] 10

abstract Statement exhibits the Settlement of Fusly 1228, compared with that for Fusly 1227

	Fusly 1227	Fusly 1228	Increase	Decrease
	M.Rup. A. P.	M. Rs. A. P.	M.Rs. A. P.	M. Rs. A. P.
Amount Tribute of the Pollams Permanently settled	6,44,984 6 2	6,44,984 6 2	" " "	" " "
Amount Tribute of the Pollams unsettled	84,186 2 "	84,186 2 "	" " "	" " "
Amount Rent of the Talooks and of the Estates	7,25,761 11 10	7,47,894 " 1	22,132 4 3	" " "
Amount of the Hill rent	4,910 9 7	4,910 9 7	" " "	" " "
Total Land and Hill rent	14,59,842 13 7	14,81,975 1 10	22,132 4 3	" " —

2 It is satisfactory to observe that the general result is an increase in the Settlement for Fusly 1228, above that for the previous year, to the extent of Rupees 22132 - 4 - 3.

3 On reference to the Statement enclosed in the Collector's letter marked No. 2, it will be observed that there is a decrease

in the Taluck of Sholavundan of Rupees 541-9-4, which composes the total decrease in Madura, and which is attributed by the Collector "to the failure "of the Crops in some Villages, and to the "frightful effects of the Epidemic Cholera, "to avert which the people were led to "desert their houses and their lands and seek "an asylum in more unfrequented spots."

	Rups. A. P.
Increase	23461.15.5.
Decrease	541.9.4
	22920.6.1

4 In Madura the net increase is Rupees 22920.6.1

	Rups. A. P.
Decrease	9273.10.6
Increase	8485.8.8
	788.1.10

5 In Dindigul the net Decrease is Rupees 788.1.10

	Rups. A. P.
Increase	22920.6.1
Decrease	788.1.10
Net Increase	22132.4.3

6 The net increase therefore in Madura and Dindigul including the aforementioned Zemindaries is as before noted Rupees 22132.4.3

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7 The decrease in Dindigul appears from what is stated in the 12th para of the Collector's letter to be partly owing to a reduction of the Teerwas, as directed in the Board's letter to the

Para 6. Collector of the 25th June 1818, and noticed in the 33rd para of their Proceedings under date the 21st October 1819, extract from which was forwarded to Government on the 25th of the same month. -

8 The Board are well pleased

Para 12. to observe that "the lands of this District "are now under classification," and that "the business will shortly be completed".

9 Part of the deficiency in

Para 16. Dindigul is also stated to be owing to "a "decrease of cultivation" and to the losses -

which

which certain Pollams "have sustained in "population by Fever in this as well as in "former years" and to "a want of Rain for "the dry cultivation."

10. In the expired Fusly it was found necessary to assume the Zemindary of Vadakkarry. The Demand of annual Peshcush for this Zemindary is Rupees 8,658.12.10 and it appears that the Settlement for Fusly 1228 fell short of this sum but that the Actual Collections exceeded those of Fusly 1227 in Rupees 2,877.5.10. The Board entertain hopes that the state of the Zemindary will improve under the management of the Collector and in the mean time ten per Cent and on the net Collections should be paid to the Zemindar for his subsistence.

11 The proposition submitted in the 19th para of the Collector's letter regarding the Minor Zemindary of Pulkapoomalkensoo is inadmissible. Estates of Minors once taken under the charge of the Court of Wards must continue so until the expiration of the Minority and a separate annual report on the management of such lands should be submitted by the Collector, for the information and orders of the Court of Wards.

Para 20 of Collector's letter

12 The same "good effects" which are stated to be "gradually developing themselves" in the Collector's management of the resumed Zemindaries may be reasonably expected to be felt in the management of a Minor's Estate under the same authority.

authority -

13 The Hill rent in Fusly 1238 was the same as in the last year - the quantity of Cardamums gathered in the expired year exceeded that of Fusly 1237 in Maunds 1195 - 49 lbs, a Copy of the account sales of the Cardamums sent to Madras by the Collector were transmitted to him on the 13th Ultimo - These articles with a few Elephants teeth produced Rupees 4947. 3. 9

14 Statement No 7 shews the total amount of Tirwah lowered in Dindigul to be Rupees 25688 - 4 and of Remission "on account of lands dried for want of water" Rupees 594. 3. 1 -

15 The total settlement for Fusly 1238, after all deductions, is Rupees 148,975 - 1 - 10

Fusly 1227. 14,59842. 13. 7
Do 1228. 14,81975. 1. 10.
22132 - 4 - 3.

exhibiting an increase over that for the previous year, as before stated, of Rupees 22,132. 4. 3 which result is considered creditable to Mr. Peter's management. This increase is attributable to a general extension of Cultivation.

16. The following Statement exhibits the balances outstanding for Fusly 1228 up to the end of November last.

	Rups. A. P.
Lands Permanently settled	180,809. 9. 8
Do. not Permanently settled	7,701. 11. 1
Do. under Ryotwar Rent	2,409. 15. 5
Total	190,921. 4. 2

17. The greater part of this balance namely Rupees 179,123. 9. 6 is due from the Zemindary of Ramnad, on the subject of which the Collector has addressed the Board in a separate communication.

Dated 23d Novr. 1819

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18. With respect to the remaining balances, the Board beg leave to refer the Government to paras 26 and 27 of the Collector letter.–

19. The services and exertions of Mr. Nevlyn the Zilla Surgeon, during the prevalence of the cholera in Madura appear to be justly praised by the Collector in the 28th para of his report, and will no doubt meet with due notice from the proper authorities. —

20. With reference to the 29th para of his letter the Collector is desired to refrain from introducing any matter connected with the Police of his District in his reports to the Board of Revenue, to whose Department the subject is entirely foreign.–

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21. The Board are well pleased to observe that the exertions of Mr Drury the Head Assistant are highly commended by the Collector.

22. With reference to the concluding para of the Collector's letter the Board have only to state that in their Proceedings under date the 25th October last they confined themselves to such remarks as the papers before them appeared to require and they have to regret that the conduct of the Collector should have called for any animadversion from them, but they trust that no 'disposition' to place the management of the Collector in an unnecessary strong or unfavorable light can be attributed to them, from the [illegible]

which a sense of their duty induced them to record on the occasion.

23 The present report from the Collector as far as regards the amount of the Settlement of his District for Fusly 1228 is considered to be satisfactory, the Government however will observe that the important information referred to in the 27th and following paras of the Board's Proceedings under date the 21st October last, respecting the nature and principles of the Settlements formed by the Collector and the progress which he may have made in carrying into execution the former orders of the Board, respecting the reduction of the Jummahs in Dindigul has not yet been furnished.

24 In the concluding para,

however of the Collector's letter the requisite

explanation is promised, and so soon as it is

received, the Board will be prepared to address

the Government on the subject, in a

separate Communication.

(True Extract)

R. Clark
Acting Secretary

Revenue Department 43

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To the Collector in Madura
& Dindigul

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant notifying the despatch (whether by sea or land is not stated) of 2150 tolams of Cardamoms consigned to the Export Warehouse keeper. Since the date of the Board's orders for this consignment, a general arrangement has been sanctioned by the Government for the transmission of territorial produce to the care of the Export Warehouse keeper & which I am desired to communicate for your information.

Extract from the letter of the E. W. K. to the Board of Trade 20th May 1820 Encl. in Mr. Secy. Hill's letter 2 June.

2. You will please to prepare a statement exhibiting the expense incurred in the procuring and forwarding the present quantity of Cardamoms and all the other

other particulars specified in the extract, and forward it in duplicate with the least possible delay for the information of the Revenue and Commercial departments respectively –

Fort St. George
22d June 1820
Despd 28 Do Do

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Wahoop
Asst Resdt

D. Clarke
Secretary

Extract from a letter from the Export Warehouse Keeper to the Board of Trade Dated 30th May 1820.-

"The — the Revenue Officer, transmitting territorial produce (directed to the care of the Export Warehouse Keeper) should by letter in duplicate advise the Board of Revenue and Board of Trade of the consignment and at the same time forward with the bill of Lading and other receipts a Statement shewing the description and quantity of the Articles, the actual expence incurred thereon from the public — Treasury under the Collector's responsibility, and his estimate (upon the best information he can obtain) of the local value of the Article. - the latter information may be useful to this Department, and it will also

serve

serve to shew how far the transfer of the Article has proved, on its sale at the Presidency, advantageous to the Revenue Department. On the receipt of any consignment, it will be the duty of this Department, to report to the Board of Trade the quality and extent of it, in comparison with the account fur-nished by the Collector and to submit for their orders the mode, which may appear at the time most beneficial for disposing of it. When the sale is closed, an account will be furnished exhibiting separately with the sale proceeds, the expenses incurred by the Collector and this Department, and the net sum, to be paid into the General Treasury on account of the Territorial Department.

A true Extract.

J. Clark
Secy

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the enclosed extract from their Proceedings under date date the 26th ultimo on the settlement of your District for fusly 1229.

Fort St. George
2d November 1820
Desp.d 14th D.o

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Clerk
Secretary

Compd. W.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated 26th October 1820

Read again the following letter from the Collector of Madura dated the 25th September 1820, reporting on the settlement of his District for Fusly 1229 —

From the Collector of Madura Dated 25th September 1820

Para 1 The amount of the Nett Settlement for Fusly 1229 compared with the Settlement for Fusly 1228 as shewn in the following statement. —

…ds of Revenue	Fusly 1228 Rs a p	Fusly 1229 Rs a p	Increase Rs a p	Decrease Rs a p
…nt Tribute of Pollams …manently settled…	644,984 6 2	644,984 6 2	.. .. ..	.. .. ..
…ent Tribute of the Pollams …settled…	84,186 2 .	75,782 . 5	.. .. ..	8,404 1 7
…nt rent of the Talooks …d of the Estates…	747,894 . 1	725,042 14 3	.. .. ..	22,851 1 10
…nt of the hill rent…	4910 9 7	4277 6 8	.. .. ..	633 2 11
	14,81,975 1 10	14,50,086 11 6	.. .. ..	31,888 6 4

2 The decrease in the Talooks and in the assumed Estates under the Collectors immediate management is stated to have

arisen

arisen principally from the deaths occasioned by the Epidemic Cholera and fever, and partly by want of rain, and from a reduction made in the assessment of some villages. The number of Puttas issued in Fusly 1228 was . 24,013 -

in 1229 . . . . 22,024.

Difference . . . 1,989

3 The settlement was made as usual upon the actual Cultivation. -

4 The Collector states that he was induced by the representations of some of the Inhabitants of the Manbicotta Talook and by an examination of the crops for the present year compared with the produce of former years, and the average selling prices to lower the assessment in several villages. The Board will expect to receive at an early period detailed information regarding the reductions made in these villages, and of all other alterations of the assessments both in Madura and Dindigal. -

5 The decrease in the Tribute of the

Rupees 8404. 1. 7 the Pollams arises from the transfer to the head of land Revenue of two Estates and the restoration to the Zemindar of another.—

6 A small decrease of Rupees 633 appears in the Hill rent for Fusly 1229. The Board are gratified to observe that the rent, has this year [illegible]en given to the Inhabitants instead of to the former Renters, who appear to have had no connection with the Country—

7 The Balances outstanding on account of the settlement of Fusly 1229 to the end of August were as follows.—

	Rupees
Lands permanently settled ..	203,524. 3. 7
Do. not permanently settled.	2073. 15. 3
Under Ryotwar rents	26,581. 13. 7
Total Rupees	232,180. 5. "

8 Of the balance due from the lands permanently settled Rs. 191,057. 12. 5 is an arrear upon the Ramnad Zemindary which is under adjustment. Rupees 9513 by the Shevagunga Zemindar since collected. Of the balance due upon the lands under Ryotwar rents vizt. Rupees 26,581. 13. 7— Rs. 16,347. 9 has since been collected, and the

greater

greater part of the remainder is expected to be realized.—

9 By the last report of the D. C. Balance of the Collector the total collections on account of the Settlement were Rupees 1240824.3.— leaving a balance outstanding of Rupees 204985.1.10.—

10. On the 25th October 1819 the Board had occasion in their proceedings to animadvert on some parts of Mr. Peter's Revenue management. The Collector has since addressed a letter to the Board in answer to those Proceedings and offering explanations upon those points of his conduct which the Board had disapproved.

Proceedings of the Bd dated 25 October 1819
From Mr. Peter dated 8th July 1820

11 The Board objected to the practise of transferring assumed Estates from the head of Peishcush to that of annual rent of Talooks and Estates as tending to produce a fallacious comparison between items containing different Estates in different Fuslies that this mode of covering the real decrease in the amount

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lands by transferring to that head as an increase the decrease in the Pollams is by no means proper, if transferred at all the transfer should have been made in the accounts of both Taslies. The Collector states that this transfer was made by the Board's orders. He has not pointed out the particular letter in which such instructions were conveyed to him, or the date of it. If an order to this effect has inadvertently been given the Collector of course cannot be blamed for complying with it.—

12 Of the inexpediency of this practice however and of the validity of the Board's objection there cannot be a stronger proof than what is afforded by the accounts of the settlement for Fusly 1229. A Decrease of Rupees 8404.1.7 is stated under the head of Peishcush for Pollams unsettled which is said to be transferred to the head of Land Revenue under the Collector's immediate management. It was to have been expected

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therefore, that the sum of this last head, for fusly 1229 would have exceeded that of 1228 by the addition of the Jummah of these Estates. The statements however shews the amount of this head of land Revenue in fusly 1228 to have been ... 7,47,894 - 0 - 6 -
in 1229 .... 7,25,042 - 14 - 3
the immediate inference for this would seem to be, that instead of being transferred, the sum of 8404 . 1 . 7 had been omitted altogether. From an explanatory note however in the margin of the report it appears to form part of the sum of 7,45,042 . 14 . 3 and that the defalcation in the Revenues of the Talooks under the immediate management of the Collector is so great, that even the addition of the Jummah of these Estates is not sufficient to bring it up to the level it had attained in fusly 1228.—

13 It is necessary therefore that a more accurate comparison should be made between the different items composing the total of land Revenue, than

than is now given, in order that the Board may see clearly the real increase or decrease of each Head.—

14 The Board therefore request that in future the Collector will enter in his comparative Statement, the rent of the Talooks and Estates of Fusly 1229, and the rent of the same Talooks and Estates for Fusly 1230 – and if any Estates should be assumed within the Fusly – that a comparison may be made between the actual payment made by the Zemindars for such Estates in the preceding Fusly and the Jummah of the year – and in the following year the Jummah of 1231 should be compared with that of 1230 – the entry of this in the compa-rative statement should be headed "Estates assumed since Fusly 1229."—

15 In explanation of the delays which occurred in furnishing the Board with information regarding the reductions that had been made and were making in the Teerwas, & on which delay the

Board were obliged to animadvert. Mr. Peter states, that the expedition with which the survey was made by Mr. Hurdis, necessarily involved it, in many errors - that to ascertain these and to remedy them was a work of much delicacy and difficulty, and that it was not easy to find a sufficient number of instruments qualified for such a work. —

16 The Board are aware that both in the S. Division of Coimbatore, and in Dindigul the survey was hastily made by Mr. Hurdis, it is to be supposed therefore that the errors in it were proportionally large, and difficult of correction - and under the explanation afforded by the Collector the Board readily acquit Mr. Peter of any want of Zeal or energy in carrying their instructions into execution. —

17 With regard to the best mode of reducing the survey assessments, the Board are decidedly of opinion that no change should be made in the classification

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of the lands, but that a reduction should be made to a certain extent upon the classes as they stand now and in all parts of the district where the Teerwas have been proved by experience to be too high.—

18 It is believed that the Ryots were employed in classing the lands when the survey was first made; the mistakes therefore, if any there were, which occurred then are likely to be repeated on a second experiment. Another objection to a reclassification is, that it will tend to shake the confidence of the Ryots in the stability of the survey altogether. But the mere reduction of the rates is a measure too obvious to be mistaken

19 The Collector states that the Ryots in his district would be decidedly averse to undertake the lease of their Puttah lands for a term of years. It is not a necessary part of what has obtained the name of the Puttah system, that the lease should extend beyond a single year. The great principle of the system is to assess the

whole farm of each Ryot at a given rent, the basis of which should be the survey rates modified according to the particular circumstances of individual Ryots.—

20 The Board are aware that the system is more particularly applicable to Districts where Ryots are not in the habit of often changing their Lands, and where they cultivate the same fields every year.—

21 If the high survey rates are continued they must hang as a dead weight about the Ryots, and deter them from improving the lands- but if the assessment fixed on them is moderate, the great obstacle to their improvement is removed and the profits arising from them will enable the Ryots to cover the risk which they would run in undertaking to rent their lands for a term of years- but it should at the same time be explained to them, that they may rent their Farms

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from year to year if they prefer it and that they will be secured in the possession of their Lands so long as they pay the Sirkar rent.—

22. It is possible that there are no Farms either in Madura or Dindigul held upon these terms but even if there are the Board have no desire that the Ryots should be urged to rent them upon the principle of a "Putcut lease" a system of this kind to be successful can only grow with the wishes of the People – it will be sufficient for the Collector to explain to the people distinctly what the system is and to accept any offers that may be made to him by individual Ryots to rent their whole farms at a given rent for one or more years, taking the field survey rates and the average payments of such Ryots under them, as his guides for fixing the rents.—

True Extract

J. Clark
Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to enclose the accompanying petition presented by Mahommed Madar on account of the Son of the late Abdul Cawder late a Yomiahdar in your District.

2. The prayer of the petition is that in consideration of the age and infirmity of the Son the pension hitherto enjoyed by his father may be continued to him.

3. From the terms of the perwannah a copy of which is herewith transmitted it would appear that the Yomiah in question was one for subsistence only and the rule that the Board would wish to observe with regard to all such Yomiahs is that none shall be allowed to continue to the Survivors or heirs of the deceased Incumbents

unless

unless it should actually appear that the persons claiming the same were from their age and relationship to the former Yomiahdar entirely dependent upon him for support at the date of the original perwannah.

4 You are now therefore requested to inquire into the circumstances of the son of Abdul Cawder - and if you should consider that in conformity with these instructions he is entitled to such an act of charity you are authorized to continue the pension to him from the date of this communication.

You will report what you have done accordingly.

Fort St. George
[illegible]th December 1822
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I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J. Clark
Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

To the President and Members the Right Honorable
Governor in Council of
Fort St George

The Humble representation of Mohomed Nasar
Tondypatam Culba, of the late Abdulcauder
Yeomiahdar in the Zillah of Madura

Humbly sheweth,

That previous to the Cession of the Carnatic the late Abdulcauder
Yeomiahdar received from the land Customs & salt part of Revenue of Sheveagunga
six shuly fanams per day for the support of him and his family according to
the Perwanah granted to him by the late Nabob Wallahjah, the said Per:
[illegible] was produced to the Board in the year 1804, owing to some doubt
[illegible] Yeomiah in Consequence of the
[illegible]
[illegible] leave to enclose Copy of the Perwanah
to the [illegible] in the Zillah of Ramnad, directing [illegible] to resume
In the Month of April 1819 Abdulcauder, the Yeomdar died and
[illegible] Blind of his Both Eyes with a large family of his & his [illegible]
any has no other means of support even for the Common [illegible]
[illegible] death he has made a Will and naming as one of the Executor [illegible]
[illegible] support or other which will, I [illegible]
family [illegible] then have some [illegible] I will produce it to them after the [illegible]
[illegible] should the Board require [illegible] and the deceased's son both went [illegible]
[illegible] Abdulcauder the Yeomiahdar, to which he affixed the [illegible]
[illegible] the death to the Collector of Madura, to receive Sanction for the renewal
[illegible] and desired at to address to the Board to receive [illegible] in their liberality accord
of the Yeomiah, unless Government been pleased in their liberality accord
[illegible] Perwanah to Confirm a Yeomiah to Abdulcauder & his family [illegible]
therefore that this may be Continued to them [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] them under the greatest obligation
[illegible] for Your honors welfare [illegible]
[illegible] pray

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~~Collector of Madras~~

8th October 1820 Salo [illegible]

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Agent for the Collr of Madras

No. 2.

To the Collector and [illegible] of
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Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit to you the accompanying Petition addressed to them by Shaick Abdul Cawder, Claiming a Yeomiah of Six Chuckrum Fanams, which prior to the Cession of the Carnatic he states to have received from the Land Customs and Salt Revenue of Shevagunga. The Petitioner has produced to the Board a perwana of his late Highness the Nabob Wallajah granting this allowance together with a paper under your Signature copies of which are inclosed recognizing his Claim under that authority & as Government in its liberality has been pleased to confirm Donations of this nature the Board desire you will pay to him from the Treasury the arrears due of the above Yeomiah and continue to pay it to him at the rate above mentioned.

I am
Sir
Your most obed[t] Servant
(Signed) [illegible]
Secy.

Fort St. George
15th Nov 1804.

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اصلی — اضافه

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هو الکریم

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نواب [illegible] الاجاه امیر الهند
عمدة الملک آصف الدوله بهادر
ظفر جنگ سپه سالار

پروانه بمهر مرقعم بیست و دویم شهر رجب المرجب ۱۱۸۸ هجری [illegible]

عاملان حال و استقبال تعلقه حسین نگر عرف [illegible] کنگا [illegible]

بدانند مبلغ [illegible] پرگنه تهر نگر عرف [illegible] دار الظفر [illegible] بابا [illegible]

[illegible] سویه و هشت آنه روپیه یومیه با اصل و اضافه در وجه مدد معاش [illegible]

شیخ عبد القادر بر محصول سایر [illegible] حسب الضمن مقرر گشته

باید که یومیه مرقعه را از تاریخ ورود پروانه یوم بیوم بلا [illegible] [illegible]

رسانیده قبوض میگرفته باشند که بصرف معیشت [illegible] [illegible]

بعبادت و دعای دوام دولت ابد مدت مشغول و موظف باشد

تا [illegible] مطابق نقل همین پروانه و قبوض و رحت [illegible] مجری [illegible]

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